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IMAGE CAPTURING METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of July 15, 2004, please amend this application as  
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